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## USACE Galveston awards two small business contracts

**GALVESTON, Texas (April 7, 2011)** – Two small business contracts were awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, March 30, 2011. A contract was awarded to R2Sonic LLC in the amount of \$319,500 for two Multibeam Echo Sounder Systems.

“These multibeam systems will be placed on two of USACE Galveston’s survey boats, the Tanner II and Turpin, for the surveying of our channels,” says Terrell Smith, hydrographic survey coordinator. “Using a fan-like sound scanning system, we will have the capability to identify shoaling areas and objects in channels along the Texas coast, which will help in fulfilling our mission of keeping waterways open for navigation.”

A second contract was awarded to Aerial Data Services Inc. in the amount of \$126,785.43 for placement area Light Detection and Ranging surveys in Harris and Chambers counties, Texas.

“Using an aircraft, we will be able to use laser beams in order to determine the capacity of twelve Houston Ship Channel placement areas as part of the Corps’ Dredge Disposal Management Plan,” said David Voelkel, a civil engineer technician. “These surveys will assist in identifying how much dredged material can be placed in certain areas during dredging projects in the ship channel.”

USACE Galveston District awarded nearly \$116 million in contracts to small businesses during fiscal year 2010.

“In these tough economic times, the USACE Galveston District encourages small businesses to expand their customer base and consider the federal government as a source of business,” said USACE Galveston District Deputy for Small Business, Ken Adams.

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